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Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians

BEFORE THE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSING AND PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. VN-2009-1088

JEREMY DANIEL GRIFFIN 5850 Hollywood Blvd. Hollywood, CA 90038

ACCUSATION

Vocational Nurse License No. VN 230105

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Complainant alleges:

PARTIES

1. Teresa Bello-Jones, J.D., M.S.N., R.N. (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians, Department of Consumer Affairs (Board).

Respondent.

2. On or about October 11, 2007 the Board issued Vocational Nurse License No. VN 230105 to Jeremy Daniel Griffin (Respondent). The Vocational Nurse License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein. The Vocational Nurse License will expire on August 31, 2011, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

3. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 4. Section 118, subdivision (b), provides that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated. Under section 2892.1, the Board may renew an expired license at any time within four years after the expiration.
- 5. Section 490 provides that the Board may suspend or revoke a license when it finds that the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensed vocational nurse.
- 6. Section 2875 provides that the Board may discipline the holder of a vocational nurse license for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2875) of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act.
 - 7. Section 2878 states, in pertinent part:

"The Board may suspend or revoke a license issued under this chapter [the Vocational Nursing Practice Act (Bus. & Prof. Code, 2840, et seq.)] for any of the following:

- "(a) Unprofessional conduct, . . .
- "(f) Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensed vocational nurse, in which event the record of the conviction shall be conclusive evidence of the conviction. . . ."

REGULATORY PROVISION

8. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 2521 states, in pertinent part:

"For the purposes of denial, suspension, or revocation of a license pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the Business and Professions Code, a crime or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensed vocational nurse if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a licensed vocational nurse to perform the functions authorized by his license in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare."

9. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 2518.6, subdivision (b) provides that a licensed vocational nurse shall adhere to standards of the profession and shall incorporate

ethical and behavioral standards of professional practice.

COST RECOVERY

10. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of Substantially Related Crimes)

- 11. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 490 and 2878, subdivision (f), in conjunction with California Code of regulations, title 16, section 2521, in that Respondent was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a licensed vocational nurse which to a substantial degree evidences his present or potential unfitness to perform the functions authorized by his license in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare. The circumstances are as follows:
- a. On or about July, 16 2010, after pleading guilty, Respondent was convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Penal Code section 496d(a) [receiving stolen property, motor vehicle] in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Jeremy Daniel Griffin* (Super. Ct. Ventura County, 2010, No. 2009033813MA). The Court sentenced Respondent to 10 days in jail and placed Respondent on 36 months of probation. Furthermore, the Court ordered Respondent restitution in the amount of \$520.00.
- b. The circumstances underlying the conviction are that on or about September 15, 2009, Respondent rented a vehicle for one day from Blue Oval located in Midway City and kept the car for one and a half months, after telling the rental agency and an Orange County Sherriff's Detective that he had returned the car to another Blue Oval located in North Hollywood.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Adhere to Ethical Standards)

12. Respondent's application is subject to denial under section 2878, subdivision (a), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 2518.6,

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subdivision (b) on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that, Respondent failed to adhere to the ethical standards of the profession. Complaint refers to and by this reference incorporates the allegations set forth above in paragraph 11, subparagraphs a and b, inclusive, as though set forth fully.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

13. Respondent's application is subject to denial under section 2878, subdivision (a), in that Respondent committed acts of unprofessional conduct. Complaint refers to and by this reference incorporates the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 11 and 12, inclusive, as though set forth fully.

DISCIPLINARY CONSIDERATIONS

The circumstances underlying the notice of warning are that on or about July 5, 2005,

- 14. To determine the degree of discipline, Complainant alleges that on or about September 18, 2007, the Board issued a notice of warning to Respondent.
- after pleading nolo contendere, Respondent was convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Penal Code section 484(a) [theft of property] in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Jeremy Daniel Griffin* (Super. Ct. Los Angeles County, 2005, No. 5CR10214). The Court sentenced Respondent to six (6) days in jail, and placed Respondent on 12 months of probation. Furthermore, the Court ordered Respondent to pay restitution in the amount of \$100.00 and a fine of \$266.00.
- b. The circumstances underlying the conviction are that on or about June 30, 2005, Respondent stole \$54.48 worth of merchandise from a Wal-Mart department store located in Los Angeles, CA. The record of the criminal proceeding is incorporated as though set forth fully.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians issue a decision:

1. Revoking or suspending Vocational Nurse License Number VN 230105, issued to

1	Jeremy Daniel Griffin;	
2	2. Ordering Jeremy Daniel Griffin to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the	
3	investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to section 125.3; and	
4	Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.	
5	DATED: August 19, 2011	
6	TERESA BELLO-JONES, J.D., M.S.N., R.N. Executive Officer	
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